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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: FUJIMORI ON HIS ADVISOR'S

"CONNECTION" WITH THE CIA

THE NOVEMBER 16 EDITION OF CONSERVATIVE DAILY EXPRESO CARRIED A STORY HEADLINED "THE PRESIDENT DEFENDS HIS ADVISOR: THE CIA IS A FRIEND OF VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS." THE ARTICLE QUOTES PRESIDENT FUJIMORI AS SAYING THAT ADVISOR VLADIMIRO MONTESINOS' "CONNECTIONS" WITH THE CIA ARE PROOF THAT HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

CENTER-RIGHT "EXPRESO" (READERSHIP ABOUT 140,000) IS SECOND IN ELITE INFLUENCE, BUT SIXTH IN LIMA AND NATIONAL READERSHIP.

"IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION OVER MONTESINOS' ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH DRUG TRAFFICKERS, FUJIMORI WAS QUICK TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFEND HIS ADVISOR. FUJIMORI STATED THAT IF THE FORMER
ARMY CAPTAIN HAD TIES TO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, THE CIA
WOULD NOT CONTINUE ITS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
PERU'S NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WHICH IS HEADED BY
MONTESINOS."

"FUJIMORI IMPLIED THAT THE CIA MAINTAINS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS MUCH-CRITICIZED ADVISOR, CONFIRMING THE MONTESINOS CONNECTION WITH THE CIA -- SOMETHING WHICH HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOURCES CLOSE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY."

"THIS RELATIONSHIP POSSIBLY BEGAN IN THE SEVENTIES, WHEN CAPTAIN MONTESINOS WAS ACCUSED OF GIVING SECRET MILITARY INFORMATION TO THE PENTAGON." HAMILTON

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